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re: Request for renewed referral of the Copyright Term Extension Directive
(COM(2008)0464 - C6-0281/2008 - 2008/0157(COD))
Rule 59 of the European Parliament's Rules of Procedure

Dear Sir,

Thank you for your request for renewed referral of the Copyright Term Extension Directive and your e-mail message on the same subject.

Please allow me to begin by presenting my sincere apologies for the late provision of an official response to your original request and for any inconvenience that this has caused you and the Members of the European Parliament who supported your initiative.

Rule 59 on renewed referral is divided into two distinct sections:
- paragraphs 1 and 2 concerning the ordinary legislative procedure, which relate to all matters falling under that procedure, such as the Copyright Term Extension Directive, and
- paragraphs 3 and 4, which relate to all other procedures.

Authorisation to request renewed referral on procedures falling under the ordinary legislative procedure (Rule 59(1) and (2)) lies exclusively with the committee responsible. Authorisation to request renewed referral on all other procedures lies either with the committee responsible (Rule 59(3)) or a political group or at least 40 Members (Rule 59(4)).

This being the case, only the committee responsible is entitled to request that the Copyright Term Extension Directive be referred to Parliament again and your request is inadmissible under the Rules of Procedure.

Yours sincerely,

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